

REMARKS

I. Election of species

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2008, Applicants elect the species (a) human and (b) polyarteritis nodosa for initial search and examination. Claims 15, 17, 20-22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 34-36, 38, 39 and 41-42 read upon the elected species. Claims 15, 20, 21, 24, 27, 30, 34, 35, 38 and 41 are generic. Applicants request that the Examiner search and examine the remaining species upon the identification of allowable subject matter in the generic/linking claims, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 809.

II. Amendments to the claims

Claims 1-14, directed to compositions, have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, reserving the right to pursue such subject matter in continuing applications.

Claims 16, 18, 19, 23, 26, 29, 32, 33, 37 are neither generic nor elected and are withdrawn from the initial search and examination, for rejoinder upon identification of allowable subject matter in the generic claims.

Claims 15-28 are amended from nonstatutory “use” claims to the closest corresponding “method” claims, in accordance with U.S. practice and page 2 of the Office Action. This amendment does not introduce new matter.

Following the foregoing amendments, claims 15-42 are pending, with claims 15, 17, 20-22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 34-36, 38, 39 and 41-42 under examination.


CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if it believed that such communication may facilitate examination of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment, or charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or any missing fees, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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